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April 11, 1994

Mr. Frank L. Witzel Monitor Minerals, LTD. 256 East Boynton Road Kaysville, Utah 84037

Re: Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Exploration Activities, Milford Project, E/001/086 (S/001/027), Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Witzel:

Thank you for your Notice of Intent (Notice) to Commence Exploration Activities, received March 28, 1994. This notice was submitted to effectively amend your Milford exploration project, located in the NE/4 SE/4 and the SE/4 SW/4 of Section 2, T27S, R9W, SLBM, Beaver County, Utah. Upon closer examination of your proposed mining activities and the apparent ongoing nature of this project, we are of the opinion that your exploration notice should more appropriately be categorized as a small mining operation. Recategorizing your notice will alleviate the necessity of your having to file a new notice with this Division, each year. Consequently, we will close your exploration file #E/001/086 and combine it with a new small mining operations file # S/001/027. Please reference this file number in all future correspondence.

Enclosed please find a copy of the small mining operations rules and a Small Mining Notice of Intent form (MR-SMO). Please complete the small mining notice and return it to this office no later than April 26, 1994. Your exploration notice states that you wish to commence activities in April and continue thru June 1994. We will accept your amended exploration application as complete allowing you to continue with your proposed activities with the condition that we receive a complete small mining notice application form on or before April 26, 1994.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1 and SMO-2).

Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation Page 2 Frank Witzel S/001/027 April 11, 1994

will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements for a Large Mining Operation. Processing of a Large Mine permit application typically takes a *minimum* of 6 - 9 months. A reclamation surety is required to be posted with this Division before a large mining operation becomes operative.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Please contact me should you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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